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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. No copies of these documents are enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

U.S. Patent No. 6,552,743
U.S. Patent No. 6,753,903
U.S. Patent No. 6,831,755
U.S. Patent No. 6,882,440

These documents were cited during prosecution of co-pending U.S.

Application No. 10/265,791.



Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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